



# IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: BERMAN et al.

Attorney Docket No.: 03-0962/LSI1P232

Application No.: 10/679,004

Examiner: TOLEDO, Fernando L.

Filed: October 2, 2003

Group: 2823

Title: MECHANISM FOR IMPROVING THE  
STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY OF LOW-K FILMS

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## AMENDMENT A TRANSMITTAL

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P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

	Claims After Amendment		Highest Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Small Entity Rate Fee	Large Entity Rate Fee
Total Claims	24	MINUS	21	3	x 9 =	x 18 = \$54.00
Independent Claims	4	MINUS	3	1	x 44 =	x 88 = \$88.00
Multiple Dependent Claim Present and Fee Not Previously Paid					\$150.00	\$300.00
					Total	\$142.00

Applicant(s) hereby petition for a \_\_\_\_\_ month extension(s) of time to respond to the aforementioned Office Action.

Applicant(s) believe that no (additional) Extension of Time is required; however, if it is determined that such an extension is required, Applicant(s) hereby petition that such an extension be granted and authorize the Commissioner to charge the required fees for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 to Deposit Account No. 12-2252 (Order No. 03-0962).

Enclosed is our Check No. \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the additional claim fee and/or extension of time fees.

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**AMENDMENT A**

Mail Stop Amendment  
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Dear Examiner Toledo:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated September 28, 2004. It is respectfully requested that the above-referenced patent application be reconsidered in light of the amendments and comments included hereinbelow. Kindly amend the above-entitled application as set forth below:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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